



## Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule

If your collection day falls on one of the holidays listed below, your collection will be picked up the next business day, Monday through Thursday. Trash scheduled to be picked up on Friday will be picked up on Saturday. If an observed holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no change in your service day. Regular collections will occur on holidays not listed. Please call Valley Vista's Customer Service at (626) 961-6291 if you have any questions.

## Recycle Your Christmas Trees

Walnut residents may easily recycle their live holiday trees by using the free Curbside Christmas Tree Recycling Program sponsored by the LA County Sanitation Districts in conjunction with Valley Vista Services. Flocked or fire retardant trees will be accepted.

Between Monday, December 26, 2011 and Friday, January 6, 2012, Valley Vista Services will pick up your Christmas tree at curbside on your regular trash day; if you follow a few simple rules.

1. Trees over 6 feet in height need to be cut in half
2. All trees must have the following items removed:
  - Plastic or metal watering containers
  - Plastic or metal stands
  - Ornaments and other decorations
  - Tinsel

After this special service has ended, trees placed out for pick up must fit into your regular green waste container (with the lid closed). Call Valley Vista Services at 800-442-6454 for more information.

Of course, why stop at the tree?

The holidays are a great time to get the whole family thinking about ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. With your help, we can keep Walnut clean and green for years to come!

## ... And Did You Know?

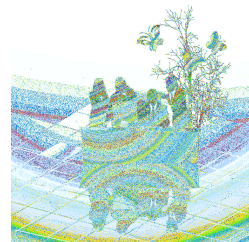
By tree-recycling you are helping trash properly decompose at the landfill. When you set your tree out to be recycled, it is picked up, ground down and used as alternative daily cover (ADC) at the local landfill. At the landfill, alternative layers of trash and ADC are compacted in order for the trash to decompose properly. That is why it is important for you to remove any lights and decorations so the trees can be ground up and used as ADC. Thank you for your corporation.



## Tips For a "GREEN" Office

Greening an office is easier than you might think. Here are some ways to get started:

- Recycle. Set up recycling bins around the office in high-traffic areas so they are convenient and easily accessible.
- Buy recycled paper. Purchase 30, 50 or 100 percent post-consumer recycled content paper.
- Buy recycled toner. Purchase remanufactured printer toner and recycle empty toner and inkjet cartridges.
- Reduce and reuse. Use reusable cups, plates, mugs for use in the break room. Reduce paper use by defaulting printers to the double-side setting.
- Buy green office supplies. More and more office suppliers are starting to offer more green-friendly choices. Try to purchase recycled paper and plastic products, rechargeable batteries, folders, flip chart easels, plastic clipboards, waste can liners, desk pads, scissors and writing instruments.
- Purchase green furniture. There are plenty of companies that provide furniture made with recycled content and low volatile organic compounds.
- Green how you clean. Choose sustainable cleaning products to help keep toxic chemicals out of the soil, water and air.
- Carpool. Encourage your employees to drive less. Create an incentive program to encourage employees to carpool, bike or take public transportation.
- Save water and energy. Change light bulbs to compact fluorescent and encourage employees to turn off electronics at the end of the day. Install motion sensors in conference rooms and office spaces. Make sure dishwashers, toilets and sinks have water-saving features.
- Compost. Start a composting program and educate employees on what items are appropriate for composting.
- Green your restrooms. Install auto-faucets to help save water and motion-sensor lighting to reduce electricity use. Stock your restrooms with recycled content toilet paper and tissue.



## High Utility Bills? Get up to \$4,500 back for Home Energy Upgrades

Now is the time to upgrade your heating and air conditioning system, seal up air leaks, add insulation, or change your windows! Take advantage of rebates and incentives of up to \$4,500 from Energy Upgrade California to make your home more energy efficient using the "whole house" approach. This means treating your house as a system and making the right combination of improvements that work together for your house to increase efficiency overall, instead of separate improvements one at a time. This approach maximizes your energy savings and your rebate!

To learn more about qualified upgrades and to find a participating contractor, visit [www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/LACounty](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/LACounty). Energy Upgrade California is a partnership of the County of Los Angeles, the California Energy Commission (CEC), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), investor-owned and municipal utilities, local governments, and other stakeholders.